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BY THE WAY

Warming Station trainings scheduled

The Hermiston Warming Station is feeling grateful for Wildhorse, Good Shepherd, Walmart Distribution Center, Umatilla Electric Cooperative and Tillamook for the generous grants received.

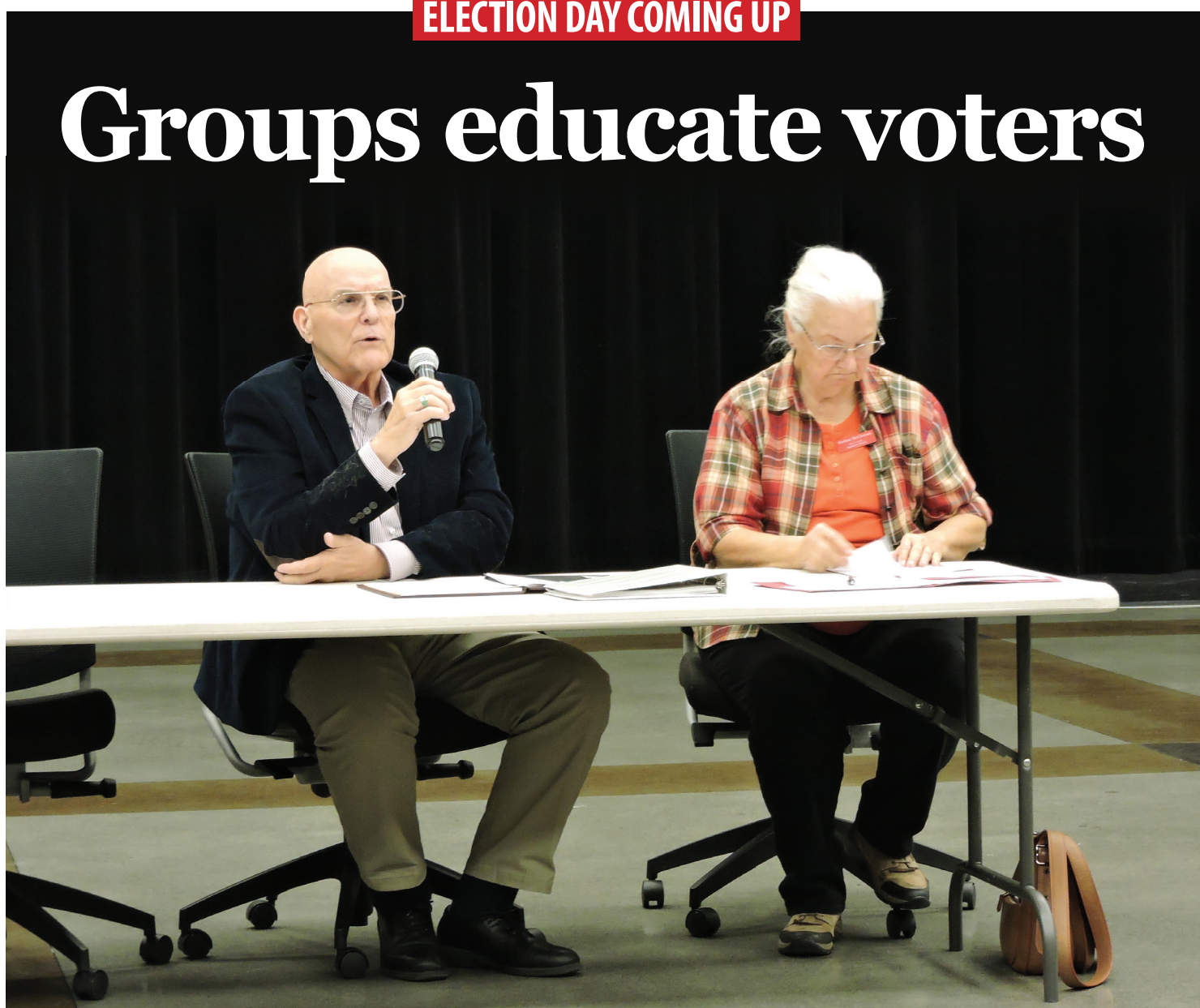
The winter shelter is 100% volunteer run and privately funded through donations and grants. Donations can be made to P.O. Box 433, Hermiston, OR 97838. For more information or to volunteer, call 541-289-2150.

The upcoming training schedule for volunteers is: Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m., Sunday from 3-4:30 p.m., Monday from 6-7:30 p.m.,

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ELECTION DAY COMING UP

Groups educate voters



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Umatilla County Commissioner Bill Elfering, left, explains the county charter ballot measures Wednesday night at a forum in Hermiston. He is seated next to Marlene McClintock of the Umatilla County Republicans.

Also encourage turnout ahead of Nov. 5 election

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Election Day is next Tuesday, and groups are making last-ditch efforts to educate voters and encourage them to turn in a ballot.

Hermiston voters are faced

with three measures — a school bond, a language change in the county charter and an amendment that would change the way county commissioners are elected. So far only about 10% of voters have voted.

During a town hall in Hermiston last Wednesday night, Umatilla County commissioner Bill Elfering said there had been some confusion about Measure 30-133, titled “Changes

Law Enforcement Department to Sheriff’s Office in County Charter.”

The amendment to the charter would not affect the function of the sheriff’s office, but merely changes the words “Law Enforcement Department” to “Sheriff’s Office” in the charter to make it clear which law enforcement agency is being referred to.

“There is absolutely zero

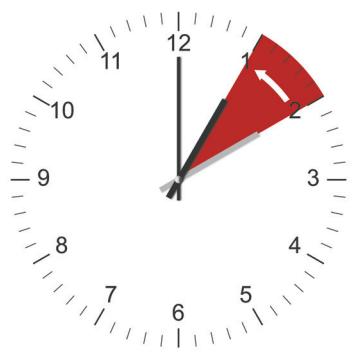
change in anything about who the sheriff is or what he or she does, this is simply a name change,” Elfering said.

The other county measure would change the way elections for county commissioner are held.

Under the current system, every race for a seat on the board of commissioners

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FALL BACK



Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday at 2 a.m.** when clocks are turned backward one hour to **1 a.m.** Sunrise and sunset will be earlier, which means more light in the morning.

Walden says he won't seek re-election in 2020



HH file photo

Rep. Greg Walden wears a Make Onions Great Again hat during a visit to the BMCC campus in 2017 in Pendleton.

By GARY WARNER AND JESSICA POLLARD
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U. S. Rep. Greg Walden, the only Republican in Oregon’s congressional delegation, announced Monday he will not run again in 2020.

“I will not seek re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives, nor election to any other office,” Walden, 62, said in a video statement. “Instead I will close the public service chapter of my life, thankful for the friends I’ve made and the successful work we’ve done together.”

Walden’s departure means the 2nd Congressional District seat will be up for grabs for the first time in a generation. Walden was first elected in 1998 and won 10 re-election bids.

He beat Democratic opponents by more than 60% of the vote in his heavily Republican district until Jamie McLeod-Skinner of Terrence held him to 56% in 2018.

The 2nd Congressional District includes Umatilla, Morrow, Baker, Union and Wallowa counties, as well as most of Eastern Oregon and much of Southern Oregon. Walden is from Hood River. He is the only Republican among the five House members from Oregon. Both U.S. senators — Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkeley — are Democrats.

Walden will announce their retirement before the 2020 election, which will include

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